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ON BRIEF

Before HARKCOM, *Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge*, WILLIAM F. SMITH, and NASE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

Per Curiam.

REMAND TO THE EXAMINER

The Office of the Group Director of Technology Center 2100 has requested that this application be remanded to the jurisdiction of the patent examiner so that the issues raised in this appeal can be reconsidered. Accordingly, we *remand*.

If reconsideration by the examiner does not promptly result in the withdrawal of all pending rejections, the examiner must return this application to the jurisdiction of the

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Board so that the appeal may be restored.

This application, by virtue of its "special" status, requires *immediate* action by the examiner. **See** MPEP § 708.01(d). The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences *must* be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal in this case, including reopening of prosecution, allowance and/or abandonment of the application.

REMANDED

GARY/V. HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge

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